Chinese American Librarians Association: Embracing Diversity and Outreaching to the Global Community

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Percentage by Membership Type (2016-2017)

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- Institutional Life: 40.08%
- Honorary: 0.13%
- Overseas: 0.40%
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**Chinese American Librarians Association**

**Embracing Diversity and Outreach to the Global Community**

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**Outreach & Building Alliances**

- **CALA and AALAS**: CALA’s first foray into the field of disability and inclusion initiatives was through AALAS memberships, contributing to the success of its annual conference. CALA has sponsored a key speaker for a few years now, supporting the AALAS Conference Fundraising Committee.

- **CALA and ALA**: CALA has been closely involved with ALA, collaborating on planning and coordinating with the ALA Conference Fundraising Committee.

- **CALA and IFLA**: CALA and IFLA have collaborated on various projects and initiatives, including the 2016 Chinese Library Annual Conference.

- **CALA and Other Organizations**: CALA has partnered with various organizations, including APALA, to promote diversity and inclusion in the library profession.

**Books for China Project**

- Books for China Project: CALA has been involved in donating books to China for over 20 years. In 2016, CALA donated a total of 20,000 books to various libraries and schools in China. The books include a wide range of topics, from children’s books to academic texts.

**International Symposium on Scholarly Communication Development and Academic Library Transformations**

- **International Symposium on Scholarly Communication Development and Academic Library Transformations**: CALA and the University of Missouri hosted an international symposium on scholarly communication development and academic library transformations. The symposium aimed to explore the latest trends and challenges in scholarly communication and academic libraries.

**Networking with Libraries in China**

- **China Library Annual Conference**: The China Library Annual Conference was hosted by the Chinese University of Hong Kong. CALA has been a regular participant in the conference and has contributed to various sessions.

- **20th Century librarian Series**: CALA has sponsored several sessions at the 20th Century librarian Series conference, showcasing the contributions of librarians from the 20th century.

**Celebrating Cultures at Our Libraries**

- **Cultural Competency**: CALA has been involved in various cultural competency initiatives, including the 2017 CALA Southeast Chapter Spring Meeting, which aimed to raise awareness of cultural competency in the library profession.

- **PACAC’s Books Library Helps to Bridge Cultural Exchange**: CALA has partnered with the Pacific Asian American Community Association (PACAC) to support cultural exchange initiatives, including the Books Library, which aims to promote cultural understanding and exchange.

**Connecting Members and Friends Visually**

- **CALA Facebook Page**: The CALA Facebook page is a community space for collaboration and support. It features updates, events, and resources relevant to CALA members and friends.

- **CALA LinkedIn Group**: CALA has a LinkedIn group for members and friends to connect and share professional opportunities.

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**Fostering Local Cultures via Chapters**

- **2017 CALA Midwest Chapter Annual Conference**: The Midwest Chapter Annual Conference was held in 2017, featuring sessions on diversity, inclusion, and community engagement.

- **2016 CALA Southeast Chapter Fall Meeting**: The Southeast Chapter held its Fall Meeting in 2016, focusing on the theme of “Membership and Engagement.”

- **2017 CALA Northwest Chapter Spring Meeting**: The Northwest Chapter Spring Meeting was held in 2017, emphasizing the importance of membership engagement and community outreach.

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